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EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

The recent news from Europe gives us the unexpected and extraordinary intelligence that the Danish imbroglio has at length settled, with the sacrifice of the whole of Schleswig and the island of Alsace. We say "unexpected and extraordinary," for the most that the Germans claimed at the Conference was the portion south of a line drawn from Tondern to Flensburg, not half the territory of the Duchy. We can scarcely credit this wholesale announcement, but if future intelligence shows it to be correct, it will result in one of those retributive judgments that are sometimes meted out to callous, self-sufficient mortals for their indifference to the sufferings of their fellow-creatures. The idea that England or France, or both combined, can now retain the peace of Europe when they feel disposed is becoming a pitiable fallacy. Denmark despoiled before their eyes, amid all the false pretences which the Germans originally put forward—with all the implied promises of England that the Schleswig territory should be maintained intact—with all the protestations of France against what it considered an outrageous assumption when Russia attempted to cross the Eider—what can be more humiliating to the Great Powers of Western Europe? If temporary peace was the object, France and England have attained their desire, but they can rest assured the quietude will be only temporary. No greater temptation could be held out to unscrupulous powers than the knowledge that their acts will go unpunished. It is the same with them as it is with the footpad. Let us dispense with our courts of justice and our police, and we shall not doubt but get rid of the unsightly gibbet; but is it desirable that society should be left to the mercy of its worst elements? Russia has been allowed to decimate Poland—to wreak barbaric vengeance on an already maltreated race, because that race chooses to resent brutal treatment. France then was ready to espouse the cause of the Poles, but England, with her sympathy for the oppressed, where was she? Enveloped in her own intensified selfishness. Denmark becomes the victim, and England is ready to take her part, but where is France? Alas, shall we say it, playing the same game of childish, culpable selfishness—paying off England for her callousness to Polish suffering, leaving her in humiliation, because Earl Russell scouted the Napoleonic Congress. In the meantime Russia slays the Pole, and Germany divides the Dane. Peace is maintained; because the footpad's victims are too weak to resent successfully the brutal onslaughts.

The acquisition of the Duchies will give to Germany a seaboard on the Baltic Sea and German Ocean of probably eight hundred miles. The grand aspiration, therefore, of the German Federation has been granted—the facility to become a great naval power. So long as the German Confederacy was confined to military strength, Europe found in it a strong conserver of the peace; but now, with the opportunity of launching its navies on the deep—and with its recent easy aggressive conquests fixed indelibly in its mind, there will be no more ambitious power on the European continent, and no greater disturber of the peace. It has won Schleswig and Holstein too easily to be satisfied with the conquest. Jutland is bound to come next, and Sweden, with all her assumed indifference, is almost in a great danger as Denmark. The balance of power is indeed upset; and the dread on the part of England of plunging Europe into war by interfering with Germany has made the probabilities of a general trouble more than ever apparent. The force of example of these European outrages is strongly illustrated. France is allowed to annex Savoy and Nice without any further interposition than that presented by an impotent diplomacy; Russia seeing this sets to work and destroys or banishes the Poles, the rest of Europe pitifully but powerlessly protesting. This is too much for Germany, and penitentiary neighbors getting along so vigorously with impunity, she must have a finger in the filibustering pie, and so fastens on to the Duchies. The mania is an infectious one, and is bound to bring about general hostilities some of these days when probably least expected.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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JOHNSON STREET, - VICTORIA.

Board & Lodgings
From \$5 to \$8 per week.
MEALS—Four Bits, Six Bits, and One Dollar.
BEDS—Four Bits per Night.

JOSEPH JOLY & CO.
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JAMES SHERIDAN,

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REPAIRER,

WILL BE IN VICTORIA FOR A
short time. All orders for Tuning pianos
or Melodeons left at the fruit store of M. Sandrie,
down town street, will be most carefully and
safely repaired.

REARDON—Anglo American Hotel au23 2w

For Sooke!

The splend'd side-wheel! Steamer

Enterprise,

CAPT. MOUAT.

Will sail from the Hudson Bay Company's

Wharf for

SOOKE,

ON THIS MORNING, at 8. a. m.

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THE SOOKE MINES.

Auction Sales This Day.
DUNCAN & GEORGE, will sell at saleroom, For auction at 11 o'clock, Dry Goods, consisting of Blue Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Sheets, Jackets, Dresses, Trimmings, Ladies' Under Clothing, etc., also a volume Books, Crockery and Glass-ware, all Twins.

For this Port.—The bark D. M. Hall, and brig Franklin Adams, were on the berth at latest dates from San Francisco, for this port. The bark Kival, Capt. Blair, sailed on the 13th, bringing a passengers Mrs. A. Rees and child, and Mr. E. Wood.

For Portland and San Francisco.—The Sierra Nevada sailed yesterday at noon for San Francisco, via Portland, taking a cargo to the former port, consisting of wool, hides and skins, with dried vegetables and cases of merchandise.

For Sooke.—The steamer Alexandra left yesterday forenoon for Sooke with about 70 passengers and some freight. She returned at 5 p.m., with half a dozen passengers.

For Olympia.—The bark Nahumkeg, Capt. Gore, was advertised to sail August 19th, from San Francisco for Olympia, and ports on Puget Sound.

For New Westminster.—The steamer Enterprise left yesterday morning for New Westminster with from 25 to 30 passengers, and a good deal of freight.

IMPORTS.
Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—40 head of cattle, 10 tons potatoes and onions, 20 bushels of corn, 3 tons flour, 2 bushels butter and eggs—Value, \$1500.

CONSIGNMENTS.
Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—Reynolds, Dean, Sporborg and Reuf, Finch.

PASSENGERS.
Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—Stewart, Wood, Duran, Miller, Burnet, Davis, McDonald, Philburn, Johnson.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.
ENTERED.
Aug. 23—Stern Sister Nevada, Connor, San Francisco
Stern Eliza Anderson, Finch, Port Angeles
Stern Onward, McKey, Nasario
CLARENCE.

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Stern Winged Racer, Peterson, Port Angeles
Stern Gen. Harney, Oberz, New Westminster
Stern Foam, Seely, Port Angeles

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.
Tuesday, Aug. 23.
This body held their first sitting of the Autumn session yesterday.

Present: The Hon. Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Roderick Finlayson, and Hon. Donald Fraser.

The Hon. Henry Rhodes was introduced to the Council and took his seat.

THE SUMMONING OF THE LEGISLATURE.

A discussion arose on the legality of the summoning of the Legislature.

The Hon. Donald Fraser considered that the Governor had committed a serious error in summoning the House to meet without giving 14 days' notice, such being contrary to all precedents, by which His Excellency should have been guided.

This opinion was opposed by the Hon. Colonial Secretary and Treasurer, and after the sense of the House was taken a committee was appointed to take the matter into consideration, and the Council adjourned.

THE TELEGRAPH STOPPED.—The Home Government, not content with refusing any aid to a British Overland Telegraph Line, appear determined to prevent us from obtaining telegraphic facilities from our more enterprising neighbors. The Imperial despatch laid before the House yesterday state that Her Majesty's Government are unable to allow any exclusive privilege to the Line between these colonies and the United States west of the Rocky Mountains, because the Government may have to compete with the Home Government in this critical time and on important matters with H. M. naval forces on the Pacific! What this can possibly have to do with sending messages between these colonies and the Pacific States is not very easy to conjecture; one thing appears relatively certain, however; if we wait for our ocean line of steamers, or overland telegraph, or any other national require-ment till the Home Government see fit to grant it, we will in all probability be the last among civilized communities to possess these modern and much needed advantages.

NAVAL BURGLARY.—The body of Mr. English, late paymaster of H. M. S. Devastation, was conveyed to the cemetery yesterday by a large and imposing naval cortège. H. M. S. Beaver brought up the funeral procession from Esquimalt to the Hudson Bay Company's Wharf, where the coffin was placed in the hearse, which, preceded by a detachment of marines with arms reversed, and the band of H. M. S. Sule, playing the Dead March in Saul, and followed by Capt. Pike and a large number of the officers and crew of the ship, slowly made its way up Fort street to Christ Church. The rear of the procession was brought up by a number of officers of the Sutlej. After the usual services were performed with in the church, the procession re-formed and marched to the cemetery, where the last rites were performed and three volleys fired over the grave by the detachment of marines. The funeral cortège then retraced their steps to the bower preceded by the band, playing a lively march, and returned to Esquimalt.

SOOKE NEWS IN SAN FRANCISCO.—A private letter from San Francisco to a gentleman here, states that a large number of men were out of employment in that city, and further news from Sooke in confirmation of the first intelligence received is looked for in "The San Francisco Call" published a good geographical description of the new diggings, evidently dictated by some person conversant with the locality.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE.—By the despatch received lately by His Excellency from the Imperial Government published elsewhere, it will be seen that the Secretary of State will not recommend an English barrister to accept the appointment, which can give an assurance that his position would have that independent and permanent character which the laws now in force do not confer—or in other words till the civil list is passed.

THE ATTORNEY GENERALSHIP.—We understand that His Excellency has appointed Mr. T. L. Wood to be Acting Attorney General for this Colony, vice Cary, resigned. His Excellency, previous to the appointment, held an interview with Mr. McCraight with a view, it is believed, of conferring it on him, but from some reason the intention was not carried out.

ANOTHER NEWSPAPER AT NEW WESTMINSTER.—A second paper, to be called the *North Pacific Times* and *British Columbia Advertiser*, is about to be started in New Westminster, under the auspices of Mr. G. F. Parsons of this city. The *Times* will be published twice a week.

THE ELIZA ANDERSON.—This steamer made her appearance yesterday morning, having left Olympia, W. T., at her usual hour on Monday morning. Captains Coupland and Gates, previous to her departure, inspected her boiler and machinery, and pronounced them to be in a satisfactory condition.

INTERNATIONAL COURTESIES.—General McDowell, U.S.A., was visited yesterday morning on board the Shubrick, by Admiral Dugdale. Later in the day, the General and staff returned the visit on board the flag-ship. The usual salutes were given on the occasion.

sold a soldier whose education was far from being equal to that of his comrades. He alluded in an amusing strain to the dissensions which the two nations were continually giving in gunnery and the wholesale rivalry which it produced. He expressed an earnest hope that the armies and navies of the two countries might never be brought in conflict and fire at one another, but ever continue in amity and friendship. (Loud cheers.) He paid a high compliment to the gallantry and bravery displayed by the two branches of the service in both countries, and said that so long as we should be anxious to maintain our constitutional rights and liberties in defiance of the world (cheers). He referred to the power exercised by Great Britain in the immense possessions which she held in different quarters of the globe, and said the army and navy of Great Britain could well enable her to maintain the honor and dignity of that great nation. The bravery displayed by his own countrymen was evidenced in the present civil strife, and he considered they were fully competent in the end to suppress the treason against which they were contending (cheers).

Capt. Hoyt made a lengthy and most telling speech, which was received with great interest, but the discoverers as well as maintain secret society as to the precise locality. There is now but little question, however, that good paying diggings exist on or near the Jordan river. Prospecting parties have gone in that direction and some have already returned with coarse gold in their possession, reporting that they had "struck it rich." We have been told by several parties whose statements we have no reason to doubt, that we may expect to hear some exciting news within a few days.

DINNER TO GEN McDOWELL.

A large and respectable company of American citizens and their guests, sat down to dinner last evening at the Hotel de France, in honor of the distinguished visitor, Major General Edwin McDowell. Amongst those present were the illustrious General and his Staff, consisting of Lieut.-Col. Keeney, Medical Inspector, Captains Haven and Cutting, aides-de-camp, Captain Elliott, Engineer Corps, Capt. Sullivan, Chief Commissary, and Captain Hoyt, Quarter-master, their Excellencies Governor Kennedy and Pickering, Judge Cameron, the Colonial Secretary, Lt.-Col. H. M. S. Sutlej, Lt. Scammon, and officers of the U. S. S. Shubrick, and a number of American and English citizens. Allen Francis, Esq., American Consul, presided; P. M. Backus, Esq., filled the office of Vice-President. After the excellent dinner provided by the proprietors of the Hotel, had been discussed, and Messrs. Sandie, Palmer and Allen had discoursed a number of appropriate airs, the following toasts were drunk:—

THE QUEEN.—"God Save the Queen."

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.—"The Star Spangled Banner."

Mr. Francis then proposed the toast of the evening—H. M. S. Sutlej, Capt. McDowell.

General McDowell's speech was as follows:—

"I have had especial pleasure in proposing this toast, not only because General McDowell came to this coast endowed with those great powers which showed that he enjoyed the full confidence of his government, but because his well known conservative principles would lead him to use his influence in promoting good feeling between the American people and their neighbors.

Gen. McDowell, on rising, was loudly applauded. He begged that the gentlemen present would excuse him from making a speech, and briefly thanked them for the honor they had done him.

The chairman next proposed THE HEALTH OF THE UNION.

Mr. D. A. Edger responded, and said that he had been for a number of years on the Pacific coast, he had met the clergymen in the cabin of the dying miner, and in a higher sphere, and he had always seen them kind and good men. In now countries as well as in old, their services were sometimes required on other important and more joyful occasions—

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